

## Infant Baptism: A Quiz

*Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Him and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." Luke 18:15-17*

Here's a list of questions for any Christian who questions the practice of infant baptism.

1. Do you believe that every child is conceived as a son or daughter of God, that they ultimately belong to God, and that earthly parents are the caretakers of children who truly belong to God? If yes, read on.
2. Do you believe the ultimate reason for the existence of every child is for them to be in eternal relationship with their Heavenly Father through Jesus Christ who saves them from sin? If yes, read on.
3. If all children really belong to God, and their true destiny is to be eternally joined to Him through Jesus Christ, is it the responsibility of Christian parents to do everything in their power from the moment of conception to lead them to their Heavenly Father through Jesus Christ? If yes, read on.
4. Is the saving death of Jesus Christ the most precious, most invaluable gift available to any person? If yes, read on.
5. Did Jesus call his saving death "baptism" in Mark 10:38-39 and Luke 12:50? If yes, read on.
6. Did Paul teach that our baptism is a burial into that same saving death of Jesus Christ—His "baptism"—in Romans 6:3-4? If yes, read on.
7. If you answered "yes" to question 4, is burial into this most precious, invaluable gift the highest good for any person? If yes, read on.

8. Should a human parent, responsible for the care of God's children, knowingly withhold from their child the most precious, invaluable gift available to them, the greatest good? If no, read on.
9. Should human parents wait until after a child becomes ill to seek an immunization, or should they have them immunized before infection arises?
10. Does a child need intellectual understanding of what a particular medicine is and how it works before it should be administered to them? Does intellectual understanding affect how a medicine works? If no, read on.
11. Is Jesus Christ infinitely more powerful than any medicine? Is His power and grace able to work within a person in a way similar to but much more powerful than medicine? If yes, read on.
12. Is there a reason why the same principles in question 10 should not be applied to Jesus? If no, read on.
13. Did Jesus command baptism—which He calls His saving death and Paul calls a participation in it—as a primary mission of the Church in Matthew 28:19 and Mark 16:16? If yes, read on.
14. Did Jesus say that infants should be brought to him for His touch—rebuking those who said they should not be—in Luke 18:15-17? If yes, read on.
15. Did Jesus also say in this passage: “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it”? If yes, read on.
16. In light of all of the above, does the practice of baptizing infants make sense?